

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing rubber from a rubber latex comprising ~~spraying pulse drying~~ a rubber latex having a solid concentration of 60% by weight or less, in terms of dry rubber using a pulse dryer under the conditions of a frequency of the pulse combustion of 250 – 1200 Hz and a temperature of 40 - 140°C ~~into an atmosphere of a shock wave generated from pulse combustion to thereby dry the rubber.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein a solid concentration of the rubber latex is 20 to 60% by weight ~~or less~~, in terms of dry rubber.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein a frequency of the pulse combustion is 300 to 1000 ~~250 to 1200~~ HZ and a temperature of a pulse drying chamber for spraying the latex is 40 - 100°C ~~140°C or less~~.

4. (Previously Presented) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rubber latex is a natural rubber latex.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 4, ~~further comprising spray drying under an atmosphere of a shock wave generated from the pulse combustion in the presence of~~ wherein said pulse drying is carried out by adding a viscosity stabilizing agent ~~added~~ to the natural rubber latex.

6. (Original) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 5, wherein the amount of the viscosity stabilizing agent is at least 0.001 part by weight based upon 100 parts by weight of solid content in the latex.

7. (Previously Presented) A method for producing rubber as claimed in claim 5, wherein the viscosity stabilizing agent is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl amines, semicarbazides and dimedones.

8. (Cancelled)